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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD FOR CONDITIONING A DATABASE FOR AUTOMATIC SPEECH  
PROCESSING (as Amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please delete the title and replace with --METHOD FOR CONDITIONING A DATABASE FOR AUTOMATIC SPEECH PROCESSING--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please REPLACE the pending specification with the substitute specification attached hereto.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 1-17 in the underlying PCT application and ADD new claims 18-43 in accordance with the following:

18. (NEW) A method for conditioning a database of words formed of graphemes and phonemes, for automatic speech processing using the database, said method comprising:  
automatically assigning the graphemes to the phonemes to form  
grapheme/phoneme pairs for the words in the database having an identical number of  
graphemes and phonemes;

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